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NEVADA COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 1, CASCADE SHORES FACES \$450,000 IN PENALTIES

SACRAMENTO — The Assistant Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued a tentative Administrative Civil Liability Order for assessment of \$450,000 in penalties, for violations of effluent limitations at the Cascade Shores wastewater treatment plant.

The penalty represents the sum of the statutory mandatory minimum penalties for effluent limitation violations that occurred at the plant from January 1, 2000 through April 30, 2008. The effluent limitation violations included ammonia, chlorine, low dissolved oxygen, coliform (a measure of potential pathogens), suspended and settleable solids, low or high pH, biochemical oxygen demand (a measure of organic material), and turbidity. This tentative order rescinds a previously issued ACL complaint, extends the timeframe for the record of violations, and increases the total assessment from \$411,000 to \$450,000.

The California Water Code allows a publicly owned treatment works serving a small community with a financial hardship to complete a compliance project in lieu of paying the penalties. Cascade Shores meets the definition, and is in the process of spending more than \$4 million to construct a new wastewater treatment plant that will correct the violations.

The tentative order provides that, in lieu of paying the penalties, the discharger may apply the penalty towards its compliance project, as long as the project is completed by January 31, 2009. The public is asked to provide any comments by Sept. 29, 2008. If the Regional Water Board receives new information, it may withdraw and modify the tentative order or it may schedule the matter for a hearing at its regular board meeting on October 23 or 24, 2008.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency tasked with preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources.